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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 3682
Toshiaki KAWACHI et al)	Examiner: T. Hannon
Appln. No.: 09/583,557)	Washington, D.C.
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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action of July 25, 2001,
Paper No. 6, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims by rewriting claims 1, 2 and 3 in amended form as follows (attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached version is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"):

1. (Amended) A plain bearing comprising a back
metal layer, a bearing alloy layer and an overlay which coats
said bearing alloy layer,

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